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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of () months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)										

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- ☐ \$395.00 small entity
- The applicants hereby petition for an extension of one (1) month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
 - NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$120.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
 - An extension of () month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional () month(s) extension.
- The fee of \$200.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) for suspension of action is enclosed.
- Enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$910.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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